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Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 3:11:55 PM
Subject: Re: Recent spill in the Animas River

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife. Please see our website for the latest information: <http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>
Regular updates will be posted as they are available.

From: Robert A. Fesen <Robert.A.Fesen@dartmouth.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:56 PM
To: R8EISC
Subject: Recent spill in the Animas River

Dear EPA:

Regarding the toxic spill into the Animas River:
Nice work, boys!

Let's see...who's going to pay for this?
Us. And for a long time to come. Both in health and in cost.

Who will get fired?
No one.

What will it cost to the EPA?
Nothing....the money will come from us, the people.

Although I live most of the year in New Hampshire, I have homes in both New Mexico and Colorado...so this affects me directly.

Accident or not, you:
a) did not alert NM government environment people until 24 hours AFTER the spill happened,
b) mis-calculated the flow (boy, you guys are good!) see news item below. (better metrics of flow measurement?!)
c) haven't stopped the flow even yet...so the river stays polluted
d) haven't been honest to the people along the river about the long term (and very long term) effects of this dump.

Sincerely,

-Dr R. A. Fesen
Dartmouth

The toxic stew of mine waste that spilled into Colorado waters and

turned a river orange last week is three times as large as officials originally estimated.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Sunday said it used better metrics to determine that agency regulators had mistakenly released 3 million gallons of wastewater laced with heavy metals, including lead and arsenic, into Cement Creek in San Juan County, where it made its way into the Animas River and then Colorado River.